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## BANKS.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars.

RESERVE FUND, 1,000,000 Dollars.

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HONGKONG.  
INTEREST ALLOWED.  
On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—  
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "  
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.  
Credit granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.  
Offices of the Corporation,  
No. 1, Queen's Road East.  
Hongkong, February 27, 1878.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

RATES of Interest allowed on Deposits.

At 3 months' notice 3% per Annum.

" 6 " " 4% " "

" 12 " 5% " "

D. A. J. CROMBIE,  
acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation,

Hongkong, July 1, 1878.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, £800,000.  
RESERVE FUND, £150,000.

Bankers,

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in HONGKONG grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange; and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

On CURRENT ACCOUNTS, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 per cent. " "

" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

THE CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON AND CHINA.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

CAPITAL, £750,000.  
RESERVE FUND, £151,580.10.

Bankers,

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK.

RATES of Interest allowed on Fixed Deposits.

For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 per cent. " "

" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

Besides conducting general Exchange Business, the Bank discounts local bills, payable in Hongkong, and makes advances on approved Banking Securities.

Present Rate of Discount for approved short sight acceptance, 5% per annum.

Rates for Advances, according to terms required, may be ascertained on application.

E. H. NELSON,  
Manager.

Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

## For Sale.

### FOR SALE.

#### EX-LATE ARRIVALS.

CHUBB'S CASH and DEED BOXES.

RODGERS & SONS' Celebrated CUT-

LERY.

MATIN' BROS.' GENTS' DRESSING

CASES.

WATERLOW & DE LA RUE'S STA-

TIONERY.

BILLIARD CLOTHS, and BILLIARD

CHALK.

BILLIARD CUE CEMENT and TIPS.

TABLE GLASSWARE & CROCKERY.

BRUSH-WARE of all Kinds.

ALBUMS.

NOVELS, SCHOOL BOOKS, PRESEN-

TATION BOOKS, &c.

FINE KENT HOPS.

MALT.

CARBOLIC ACID.

CAUSTIC SODA.

CHLORIDE OF LIME.

CROUSE & BLACKWELL'S

CELEBRATED HOUSEHOLD

STORES.

California SODA CRACKERS.

Family PIG PORK in Legs.

Family MESS BEEF in Legs.

Compressed CORNED BEEF.

Compressed OX TONGUES.

Compressed HAM.

BARCELONA and

PEA NUTS,

&c., &c., &c.

TEYSONNEAU'S FRUITS, in BRANDY,

NOYEAU, and JUICE.

French JAMS and JELLIES.

" O. K." BOURBON WHISKEY

(Bottled by L. A. & Co.)

Bass's ALE, in pints and qts., bottled by Cameron and Saunders.

GUINNESS'S STOUT, in pints and qts., bottled by E. & J. Burke.

BARCLAY & PERKINS' PORTER, in Kildare-

kins and Hds.

CLARET, in Cask.

&c., &c., &c.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & CO.

Hongkong, July 10, 1878.

## Auctions.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

**MONDAY**,

the 12th August, 1878, at 2 o'clock P.M.,

At No. 62, Wellington Street,—

The whole of the HOUSEHOLD

FURNITURE, &c., comprising:—Rep-

covered Drawing-Room Suite, Mar-

ble-top Tables, Chimney Glasses, Oleographs,

Engravings, Gasoliers and Gas Brackets,

Vases, Ornaments, Dining Table, Eng-

lish-made Mahogany Sideboard, Carpets

and Heartings, Whiskies, Crockery,

Glass, and Household Ware, Double Bed-

steads, English-made Mahogany Ward-

robe, Chest of Drawers, Bureau with

Glass, Toilet Tables, Washstands, Daven-

port, &c., &c.

A COTTAGE PIANO, by LUXAM,

Lubeck.

And,

One American COOKING RANGE.

Catalogues will be issued, and the

whole will be on view on and after

Saturday, the 10th Instant.

TERMS of SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, August 7, 1878.

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NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have received instruc-

tions to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION,

on the Premises, at Noon, on

**TUESDAY**,

the 20th of August next.

All the VALUABLE LAND, HOUSES,

&c., &c., situate at the Port of TAMSU-

FORMOSA, and known as the PAOU-

SHUN PROPERTY, in TWO LOTS.

Lot 1 Consisting of GODOWNS, DWEL-

LING HOUSE, GARDENS, STABLING

&c., &c.,

Lot 2 a plot of UPLAND GROUND very

suitable for building purposes.

For particulars of property, and terms of

sale, apply to

ELLES & CO.,

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## Notices of Firms.

## NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of the Late Mr. J. J. dos REMEDIOS in our Firm CEASED on the 31st July, 1878. Mr. AGOSTINHO GUILHERME ROMANO and Mr. ALEXANDRE ANTONIO dos REMEDIOS have this Day been admitted Partners therein.

Our Firm now consists of Mr. J. H. dos REMEDIOS, Mr. A. G. ROMANO, and Mr. A. dos REMEDIOS.

J. J. dos REMEDIOS & Co.

Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

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## NOTICE.

MR. CHARLES J. HIRST has been authorized to sign our Firm for Procuration.

HESSE & Co.

Hongkong, July 23, 1878.

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## NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. EDWARD CUNNINGHAM in our Firm in Hongkong and China, CEASED on the 31st December last.

RUSSELL & Co.

China, March 8, 1878.

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## NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. ARTHUR CHART in our Firm CEASED on the 31st December last.

J. INGLIS & Co.

Hongkong, June 13, 1878.

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## NOTICE.

THE Undersigned in the Chinese Mail, 雷士打報 (Wah Tze, Yat Fo), CHANGED from the 1st August, 1877, but Debts prior to that Date will be received and paid by him.

CHUN AYIN.

Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

## NOTICE.

IN Reference to the above, the Undersigned has leased the Chinese Mail from the 1st August, 1877, and has engaged the services of Mr. LEONG YOOK CHUN, as Translator and General Manager of the newspaper, which under its new régime will be found to be, as hitherto, an excellent medium for advertising, especially as the Manager is able to devote his whole attention to the conduct of the newspaper.

KONG CHIM,

Leasee of the Hongkong Chinese Mail.

Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

## MAILS.

## NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES, PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, SMAILIA, PORT SAID, NAPLES, AND MARSEILLES; ALSO, PONDICHERY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA AND BOMBAY.

ON SATURDAY, the 17th August, 1878, at Noon, the Company's S. S. PEHO, Commandant PASQUALE, with MAILED, PASSENGERS, SPICE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 16th August, 1878. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

H. DU POUY,

Agent.

Hongkong, August 7, 1878.

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## U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamer CITY OF PEKING will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on SATURDAY, the 24th Instant, at 3 o'clock p.m., taking Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama, and other Japanese Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany, by all Trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

A REDUCTION OF TWENTY PER CENT on regular rates is granted to OFFICERS OF THE ARMY AND NAVY, and MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL AND CONSULAR SERVICES IN COMMISSION.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m., of 23rd Instant. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland Cargo should be sent to the Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 9, Praya Central.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, August 8, 1878.

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## For Sale.

## CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THIS REFINERY MANUFACTURES

LAQ SUGAR, (in 5, 10, and 15 lbs Loaves.) CUT LOAF SUGAR.

CRYSTALLIZED SUGAR, mark C. S. R. (in diamond) A III\*.

FINE WHITE SUGAR, mark C. S. R. (in diamond) A II\*.

MEDIUM WHITE SUGAR, mark C. S. R. (in diamond) A II\*.

FINE YELLOW SUGAR, mark C. S. R. (in diamond) A II.

COFFEE SUGAR, mark C. S. R. (in diamond) B I.

GOLDEN SYRUP, SYRUP, and

MOLASSES.

SPRITS of WINE and LAMP SPIRIT.

RUM, 45°, 30°, O. P., and Naval.

ANIMAL CHARCOAL and DUST.

AMMONIACAL LIQUOR, from Bone.

BONE TAR (a preventive of white ants).

ROUGH BONE TALLOW.

Packed in Quantities and Packages to suit

Customer.

Particulars and Prices on application to

THE MANAGER,

CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO., LIMITED,

East Point,

Hongkong.

March 5, 1878.

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## FOR SALE.

COKE and TAR in Quantities to suit

Purchasers, at CHEAP RATES.

Apply to

GAS COMPANY,

West Point.

Hongkong, June 19, 1878.

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## FOR SALE.

TWO AMERICAN and One ENGLISH

Second-hand BILLIARD TABLES,

with BALLS, CUES, LAMPS, &c., Complete.

Apply to

D. NOWROJEE,

Hongkong Hotel.

Hongkong, July 11, 1878.

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## NOW READY.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE

CANTONESE DIALECT. Parts I.

II, A to D, with Introduction, Royal

8vo, pp. 404.—By ERNEST JOHN EITEL,

Ph.D. Tübingen.

Price: FIVE DOLLARS, or TWO DOLLARS

AND A HALF per Part.

To be had from MESSRS LANE, CRAWFORD

& Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and MESSRS

KELLY & WALSH, Shanghai.

Hongkong, March 1, 1878.

## INSURANCES.

THE SCOTTISH IMPERIAL INSUR-

ANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed

AGENT in Hongkong for the above-

named Company, is prepared to Grant

POLICIES against FIRE on Buildings

and on Goods stored therein, at the

usual Rates, subject to an immediate

Discount of 20 per cent.

Attention is invited to a considerable

reduction in Premium for Life Insurance

in China.

J. Y. VERNON-SHAW.

Hongkong, June 1, 1878.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE

COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

GENCLES at all the Treaty Ports of

China and Japan, and at Singapore,

Saigon and Penang.

Kicks accepted, and Policies of Insurance

granted at the rates of Premium current at

the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.

JAS. B. COUGHLIN,

Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

THE LANCASHIRE INSURANCE

COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant

POLICIES against the Risk of FIRE on

Buildings or on Goods stored therein, or

Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of

Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms

and Conditions.

Policies for Life Assurances will be

received, and transmitted to the Directors

for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on

first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single

Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-

posals or any other information, apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,

Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 6, 1871.

THE QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE

COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant

Policies against FIRE to the extent of

£45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored

therein, at current local rates, subject to a

Discount of 20% on the Premium.

## POSTAL RATES.

[Subjoined we give the postal rates now in force for transmission of correspondence to all parts of the world. Detailed rules affecting the transmission of packets, parcels, &c., will be found annexed, together with a number of miscellaneous and useful notices.]

## Hongkong Rates of Postage.

(Revised June 7th, 1878.)

In the following Statements and Tables the Rates are given in cents, and are, for Letters, per half ounce, for Books and Patterns, per two ounces.

Newspapers over four ounces in weight are charged as double, treble, &c., as the case may be, but such papers or packets of papers may be sent at Book Rate. Two Newspapers must not be folded together as one, nor must anything whatever be inserted except bona fide Supplements. Printed matter may, however, be enclosed, if the whole be paid at Book Rate. Prices current may be paid either as Newspapers or Books.

N.R. means No Registration.

## Countries of the Postal Union.

The Union may be taken to comprise Europe, the United States, Canada, Brazil, India (including Ceylon, the Straits, and Aden), Japan, Egypt, Lebanon, Mauritius, Seychelles, Jamaica, Trinidad, British Guiana, and Bermuda, with all French, Danish, Netherlands, Portuguese, and Spanish Colonies.

Countries not in the Union.—The chief countries not in the Union are: the Australasian Group, Africa (except French, &c., Colonies), Newfoundland and Central America.

## Postage to Union Countries.

General Rates, by any route:—  
Letters, 12 cents per  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz.  
Registration, 8 cents.  
Newspapers, 2 cents each.  
Books and Patterns, 4 cents per 2 oz.

Exceptional rates, to the United Kingdom and Union Countries served through the United Kingdom via Brindisi only:—  
Letters, 16 cents per  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz.  
Registration, 8 cents.  
Newspapers, 4 cents each.  
Books and Patterns, 6 cents per 2 oz.

There is no charge on redirected correspondence within the Postal Union.

## Postage to Non-Union Countries.

W. Africa, Falkland Islands, Lagos, Gold Coast, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Gambia, Cape Verde Islands:—  
Via San Francisco, or Marseilles, Brindisi.

Letters, 22 26  
Registration, 12 12  
Newspapers, 4 6  
Books & Patterns, 8 10

Aspinwall (N.R.), Bahamas, Guatemala (N.R.), Hayti (N.R.), Mexico (N.R.), Panama (N.R.), Salvador (N.R.), and Venezuela (N.R.,)—  
Letters, 16 31 38  
Registration, None 12 12  
Newspapers, 4 4 6  
Books & Patterns, 6 8 10

Bolivia, Chili, Ecuador, and Peru:—  
Letters, 30 46 50  
Registration, 6 6 8  
Newspapers, 14 10 12  
Books & Patterns, 12 None None

Hawaiian Kingdom (N.R.), Newfoundland:—  
Letters, 16 18 20  
Registration, 12 12 12  
Newspapers, 4\* 4 6  
Books & Patterns, 8\* 6 8

W. Indies (except as above) Costa Rica, Honduras, Monte Video, New Granada, and Nicaragua:—  
Letters, 34 38  
Newspapers, 4 6  
Books & Patterns, 8 10

Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, Fiji, Natal, Cape, St. Helena, Ascension.  
Letters, by Contract Packet 24; by Private Ship 12, Registration 12; Newspapers, 2; Books and Patterns, 4.

\* A small extra charge is made on delivery.

Correspondence for the West Indies (except those belonging to the Postal Union, the Bahamas, and Hayti), for Costa Rica, Honduras, Monte Video, New Granada, Paraguay, and Uruguay can no longer be sent via San Francisco.

## LOCAL AND TOWN POSTAGE.

Within any Town or Settlement, or between Hongkong, Canton, and Macao, in either direction, 2 8 2 2

Between any two of the following places (through a British Office) viz., Hongkong, Macao, Ports of China and Japan, Bangkok, Saigon, and the Philippines, by Private Ship, 4 6 2 2

Between the above by Contract Mail, 8 3 2 4

Any publication fulfilling the conditions hereafter named can pass as a newspaper.

The conditions are as follows:—

1st. The publication must consist wholly, or in great part of political or other news, or of articles relating thereto, or to other current topics, with or without advertisements.

2nd. It must be published in numbers at intervals of not more than 31 days, and

must be printed on a sheet or sheets unstitched.

3rd. The full title and date of publication must be printed at the top of the first page, and the whole or part of the title and the date of publication at the top of every subsequent page; and this regulation applies to Tables of Contents and Indices.

4th. A supplement must consist wholly or in great part of matter like that of a newspaper, or of advertisements, printed on a sheet or sheet, or of a piece or pieces of paper, unstitched; or wholly or in part of engravings, prints, or lithographs illustrative of articles in the newspaper. The supplement must in every case be published with the newspaper, and must have the title and date of publication of the newspaper printed at the top of every page; or, if it consists of engravings, prints, or lithographs, at the top of every sheet or side.

A packet containing two or more newspapers is not chargeable with a higher rate of postage than would be chargeable on a book packet of the same weight.

The postage must be prepaid either by an adhesive stamp, or by the use of a stamped wrapper.

Every newspaper must be posted either without a cover (in which case it must not be fastened, whether by means of gum, wax, sealing wax, postage stamp, or otherwise) or in a cover entirely open at both ends, so as to admit of easy removal for examination. If this rule be infringed the newspaper is treated as a letter.

Every newspaper must be so folded, as to admit of the title being readily inspected.

A newspaper or packet of newspapers which contains any enclosure except supplements is charged as a letter, unless the enclosure be such as might be sent at the book rate of postage, and the entire packet be sufficiently prepaid as a book packet, in which case it is allowed to pass.

A newspaper which has any letter, or any communication of the nature of a letter, written in it or upon its cover, is charged as an unpaid or insufficiently paid letter.

No packet of newspapers may be above 5 lbs. in weight, nor above two feet in length, one foot in width, nor one in depth.

## Miscellaneous Notices.

Local Delivery.

1. All correspondence posted before 5 p.m. on any week day for addresses in Victoria will be delivered the same day, and generally within two hours, unless the delivery should be retarded by the Contract Mail.

2. Invitations, &c., can generally be delivered within Victoria at the private houses of the addressees rather than at places of business, if a wish to that effect be expressed by the sender, otherwise all correspondence is invariably delivered at the nearest place of business. (See Postal Guide, part 103.)

3. Boxholders who desire to send Circulars, Dividend Warrants, Invitations, Cards, &c., all of the same weight, to addresses in Hongkong, Bangkok, or the Ports of China and Japan, may deliver them to the Post Office unstamped, the postage being then charged to the sender's account. Each batch must consist of at least ten.

4. Boxholders may also send Patterns to the same places in the same way. Envelopes containing Patterns may be wholly closed if the nature of the contents be first exhibited or stated to the Postmaster General, as he may consider necessary, and approved by him. Printed Circulars may be inserted in such Pattern Packets.

Local Parcel Post.

1. Small Parcels may be sent by Post between any of the British Post Offices in China or Japan, as well as to Macao, Peking, Singapore, Penang, and Malacca. They must not exceed the following dimensions: 2 feet long, 1 foot broad, 1 foot deep, nor weigh more than 5 lbs. The postage will be 20 cents per lb., which will include Registration. The parcels may be wholly closed if they bear this special endorsement, PARCEL, CONTAINING NO LETTER, but any parcel may be opened by direction of the Postmaster General.

2. The following cannot be transmitted: Parcels insufficiently packed or protected, or liable to be crushed (as handboxes, &c.) Glass, Liquids, Explosives, Substances, Matches, Indigo, Dyes, &c., Ice, Meat, Fish, Game, Fruit, Vegetables, or whatever is dangerous to the Mails, or likely to become offensive or injurious in transit.

3. Parcels will as a general rule be forwarded by Private Ship, not by Contract Mail Packet. The Post Office reserves the right of selecting the opportunity for transmission, and of delaying delivery in case the number of parcels is such as to retard other correspondence. No responsibility is accepted with regard to any parcel, but the system of Registration will secure the senders against any but a very remote probability of loss.

4. The public are cautioned not to confound these facilities with a Parcel Post to Europe, &c., which does not exist.

## Mails exchanged with Manila and Saigon.

The Philippine Islands being now admitted into the General Postal Union, it follows that all mail correspondence received from Manila in the mails will be delivered free by this Office, and that all paid correspondence sent to Manila in the mails should be delivered free there.

Article IX of the Postal Treaty of Berne provides that "Neither the senders nor the addressees of letters and other postal packets shall be called upon to pay, either in the Country of Origin, or in that of Destination, any tax or duty other than that recognised rate levied (in the case of paid correspondence) by the despatching Office. It is hoped that any extra charge, or apparently extra charge, will at once be brought to the notice of the proper authorities, in either Colony.

The above does not apply in any to loose letters sent outside the mails. These will always be charged on arrival in Hongkong and probably the Manila Office will adopt the same course.

Complaints are sometimes received of extra charges on correspondence exchanged between this Colony and Saigon, but it is believed it would be found in all cases that the letters, &c., had been sent loose.

Any Foreign stamp on loose correspondence is obliterated in this Office.

## Indian Correspondence.

Unpaid Letters are not received for the Indian Mail Packets.

The Pre-payment of correspondence for the Straits, India, Ceylon, and Aden is compulsory by whatever opportunity it is forwarded.

## Registration to Bangkok.

Her Britannic Majesty's Consul General for Siam has been good enough to make arrangements by means of which correspondence can be registered to Bangkok, at the usual charge of 8 cents.

## Books and Papers to British Offices.

6 lbs. to the Consul, &c., 2 lbs.

the following have been occasionally posted as Patterns, and have been detained as unfit for the Post, viz.: Metal boxes, porcelain and China, fruit, vegetables, bunches of flowers, cutting of plants, spurs, knives, scissors, needles, pins, pieces of machinery, sharp pointed instruments, samples of metals, samples of ore, samples in glass bottles, pieces of glass, acids of various kinds, curvy combs, copper and steel engraving plates, and confectionery of all kinds.

Such articles as scissors, knives, razors, steel pens, nails, keys, watch machinery, metal tubing, pieces of metal or ore, provided that they be packed and guarded in so secure a manner as to afford complete protection to the contents of the mail bag and to the Officers of the Post Office, while at the same time they may be easily examined, may be sent as samples.

1. Not to exceed half an ounce. No double letters are allowed.

2. If from a Soldier or Sailor, his class or description must be stated in full on the letter, and the commanding Officer must sign his name, with name of Regiment, or Ship, &c., in full.

3. If to a Soldier or Sailor, his class or description must be stated in full, with name of Regiment, or Ship, &c., in full.

4. The following articles cannot be sent by Post at all: Glass, Liquids, Gunpowder, Matches, Candles, Soap, Indigo, Dye-stuffs, or whatever is dangerous to the Mails, or offensive or injurious to persons dealing with them.

PARCELS.—The public is reminded that, in China and Japan, there is no such thing as Parcel Post. Much trouble and disappointment is caused by persistent attempts to send small valuable articles through the Post. Vans, Carous, Articles of Dress, Fancy Work, and similar presents are continually being refused, the senders having often spent more in Postage than would have paid the freight by carrier. No refund can be made on such parcels of the value of Stamps obliterated before the nature of the contents was discovered.

PATTERNS.—Some difficulty is experienced in obtaining a general understanding of what is a Pattern. It is a *bond fide* sample of goods which the sender has for sale, or of goods which he wishes to order. It is to consist of the smallest possible quantity compatible with showing what the goods are, and must have no intrinsic value.

Communication with Batavia.

The Netherlands India Packets leave Singapore fortnightly, and are fitted to the arrival of the outward P. & O. Mail from Europe.

The French Packets for Batavia wait at Singapore for the Packet from China and run fortnightly.

It follows that, to forward Correspondence to Batavia with the least delay, the following are the best opportunities:—

In the S.W. Monsoon.

The English Mail.

The French Mail.

In the N.E. Monsoon.

A Private Steamer a few days before the English Mail.

The French Mail.

The Post Office is not, by law, responsible for any loss or inconvenience which may arise from the non-delivery, mis-delivery, or mis-delivery of any letter, book, or other postal packet (even if the packet be registered); nor is the Post Office responsible for any injury which a packet may sustain during its transmission.

To guard against such injury all postal packets which are likely to suffer from stamping or from great pressure should be placed in strong covers; and even with this precaution no fragile article should be sent through the Post. It should be remembered that every packet has to be handled several times; that it is exposed to considerable pressure and friction in the mail bag; and that, whenever the bag has in the course of its transmission to be transferred by means of the railway apparatus, the risk of injury is much increased.

No information can be given respecting letters which pass through a Post Office except to the persons to whom they are addressed; and in no other way is official information of a private character allowed to be made public. A Postmaster may, however, give an address if he has no reason to believe that the person whose address it is would disapprove of his doing so.

Postmasters are not allowed to return any letter or other packet to the writer or sender, or to any one else, or to delay forwarding it to its destination according to the address, even though a request to such effect be written thereon.

Postmasters are not bound to give change, nor are they authorised to demand change; and when money is paid at a Post Office whether as change or otherwise, no question as to its right amount, goodness, or weight can be entertained after it has been removed from the counter.

Postmasters are not bound to weigh any letters or other packets for the public, but they may do so if their duty be not thereby impeded.

The Stamp Office being now provided with a 3 cent die, Books of Checups, Kent Collectors' Books, &c., can be stamped beforehand in the same manner as Cheque Books. Loose receipt forms can also be stamped if required.

## Money Order Regulations.

1.—Money Orders on the United Kingdom and the Straits Settlements are issued at Hongkong, Shanghai and Yokohama; and Shanghai and Yokohama also issue on Hongkong and vice versa.

2.—Small sums may be remitted between the other Ports by means of Postage Stamps.

3.—Many Money Orders are supplied to residents at the smaller Ports in this way. An application for an order is filled up, and is enclosed with a stamped, directed, and unsealed envelope to the Postmaster at the nearest issuing office. The application must be accompanied with the full amount (including commission) in cheque, postage stamp, or other equivalent of cash, and a little margin should be left for variations of exchange. The Postmaster issues the order, sends it on in the envelope, and returns the change, if any, by first opportunity, with a receipt for the letter, if it were to be registered, it always should be. Care should be taken to send these applications in time, as the Money Order Offices close some hours before the departure of the mails.

4.—No order must exceed £10, or include any fraction of a penny. Orders will be drawn at the current rate of the day and paid at the rate of the day when the advice arrived.

The commission is as follows:—

Orders on the United Kingdom.

Up to £2.....18 cents.

" 25.....36 "

" 27.....54 "

" 310.....72 "

Local Money Orders (including Straits Settlements).

Up to £25.....15 cents.

" 50.....30 "

5.—Lists of Money Order Offices in the United Kingdom may be consulted at Hongkong, Shanghai, and Yokohama.

6.—Names must be given in full (except when there is more than one Christian name) but the name of the Payee need not be given if the order be crossed (as cheques are crossed). It can then be paid only through a Bank, and may afterwards be specially crossed to any Bank.

7.—No order can be paid till the Payee has signed it in the proper place. An order can be transferred to another office on payment of an additional commission. In case of loss of an order, necessity for stopping payment, or the like, application should be made to the nearest Money Order Office for instructions.

8.—If the order be not presented within six months an additional commission will be charged; if not within twelve months, the money will be forfeited. When the order is once paid no further claim can be entertained.

9.—No order can be paid until the advice relative to it has been received.

10.—Made out on a printed form which is supplied gratis.</

## Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked *h*, near the Kowloon shore *k*, and those in the body of the Shipping or midway between each shore are marked *c.*, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section.

1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.  
2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works.  
3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office.  
4. From Harbour Master's to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.

5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddler's Wharf.  
6. From Peddler's Wharf to the Naval Yard.  
7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.  
8. From Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name.	Anchor- age.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
<b>Steamers</b>								
Adria	5 c	Stewart	Brit. str.	781	July 16	P. & O. S. N. Co.	S'pore & Bombay	13th, 10 a.m.
Aegean	5 c	Stewart	Brit. str.	840	Aug. 9	Linstead & Co.	Yokohama & H'go	
Ajax	5 c	Kidd	Brit. str.	1569	Aug. 9	Butterfield & Swire	Shanghai	at daylight
Alverton	w p	Darnell	Brit. str.	1086	July 23	Meyer & Co.	Yokohama & H'go	12th Inst.
Arratoon Apear	5 c	Macavish	Brit. str.	1392	Aug. 2	David Sassoon, Sons & Co.	S'pore, Calcutta, &c.	13th, 3 p.m.
Bellona	4 c	Ahrens	Ger. str.	788	July 31	Wm. Pustau & Co.	.....	Laid up
Bombay	2 b	.....	Brit. str.	749	Feb. 12	Kwok Acheong	Bangkok	
Danneh	2 b	Clancy	Brit. str.	564	Aug. 7	Yuen Fat Hong	Coast Ports	
Douglas	5 b	Pitman	Brit. str.	864	Aug. 10	Douglas Laprak & Co.	Amoy	To-day
Esmeralda	5 b	Cullen	Brit. str.	395	Aug. 10	Russell & Co.	.....	Tug Flying
Fame	6 b	Stopani	Brit. str.	117	April 18	H. K. & W'pos Dock Co.	Yokohama & H'go	K'loon Dock
Fitzpatrick	4 c	Humphries	Brit. str.	607	Aug. 7	Gee Cheong Hong	Hoikow & Raiphong	at daylight
Glamorgan	4 c	Buck	Brit. str.	1511	Aug. 7	Melchers & Co.	Shanghai	To-morrow
Imbat	5 c	Jones	Brit. str.	868	Aug. 5	Holiday, Wise & Co.	.....	
Karo	5 c	Colling	Brit. str.	979	July 27	Meyer & Co.	Hoikow & Raiphong	
Kashgar	2 b	Baker	Brit. str.	1515	Aug. 9	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Shanghai	
Kienchow	2 c	.....	Brit. str.	.....	.....	Kwok Acheong	.....	
Killarney	7 c	O'Neill	Brit. str.	1080	Aug. 1	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	H'go	To-morrow
Lorne	4 c	McCulloch	Brit. str.	1035	July 20	Butterfield & Swire	.....	
Mayenne	3 c	Yun Chun Yen	Amra. str.	.....	June 20	.....	.....	
Moray	2 b	Butcher	Brit. str.	1427	Aug. 2	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	S'pore, Calcutta, &c.	13th, 3 p.m.
Namico	5 b	Westoby	Brit. str.	862	Aug. 8	Douglas Laprak & Co.	Coast Ports	12th, noon
Normandy	4 c	Ellis	Brit. str.	604	Aug. 8	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Australian Ports	13th Inst.
Norna	3 c	.....	Brit. str.	606	July 28	Kwok Acheong	.....	
Pernambuco	4 c	Hyde	Brit. str.	643	Aug. 5	Melchers & Co.	Salon	To-day
Sea Gull	3 b	Robert	Amer. str.	48	July 18	W. H. Ray	Shanghai	To-day
Spoke Hall	4 c	Brand	Brit. str.	1730	Aug. 6	Birley & Co.	Europe, &c.	To-morrow
Surat	5 c	Burne	Brit. str.	1985	Aug. 7	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Shanghai	K'loon Dock
Yangtze	.....	Schultze	Brit. str.	782	June 28	Siemens & Co.	.....	
Zamboanga	4 c	Aranguren	Span. str.	651	July 29	Remedios & Co.	.....	
<b>Sailing Vessels</b>								
Albert Russell	7 c	Carver	Amer. bge.	762	July 15	Russell & Co.	London	
Alice D. Cooper	5 c	Humphrey	Amer. sh.	1563	July 24	Captain	Newchwang	
Alva	3 c	Sousa	Port. sh.	631	July 16	Brandao & Co.	.....	
Annie Lorway	4 c	Gale	bge.	752	May 27	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	London	
Anton Gunther	2 c	Kuhn	Ger. bge.	440	July 14	Edward Schellman & Co.	Newchwang	
Arabia	8 c	Klaenfauth	Brit. sh.	1188	Aug. 2	P. & O. S. N. Co.	.....	
Athene	8 c	Findlay	Brit. bge.	605	July 18	Hornoe Company, Limited	Newchwang	
Beethoven	3 c	Hejo	Ger. bge.	340	Aug. 1	Melchers & Co.	.....	
Benefactor	3 c	Hayden	Amer. bge.	596	Aug. 2	Russell & Co.	Wanchai Pier	
Bertie Bigelow	2 c	Ferguson	Brit. sh.	1142	July 23	Meyer & Co.	.....	
Bianca Pertico	2 c	Tauredi	Ital. bge.	666	Aug. 5	D. Musso & Co.	Newchwang	
Bua Caso	2 c	Lange	Span. sh.	834	July 23	Yuen Fat Hong	Nagasaki	Cleared
Bua Pan	2 c	Möller	Span. sh.	674	July 23	Kin-tye-loong	.....	
C. L. Pearson	3 c	Swain	Am. S. M. sh.	664	June 1	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	New York	
Ceylon	3 c	White	Brit. bge.	4215	Aug. 5	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	.....	
Channel Queen	4 c	Lelacheur	Brit. bge.	609	June 11	Edward Schellman & Co.	Hamburg	
Charlotte Andrews	3 c	Place	Brit. bge.	356	June 18	Rozario & Co.	.....	
Christian	4 c	Kossov	Ger. bge.	260	Aug. 3	Wiesler & Co.	.....	
Croatan	8 b	.....	Amer. sch.	180	July 18	W. H. Ray	.....	
Corrientes	7 c	Jones	Brit. bge.	594	Aug. 10	Olphant & Co.	.....	
Cresswell	3 c	.....	Brit. sh.	464	July 23	Wiesler & Co.	Newchwang	Cleared
Dartmouth	7 b	Robertson	Brit. bge.	915	Aug. 6	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Foochow	
Dirigo	3 c	Staples	Amer. bge.	454	Aug. 14	Olphant & Co.	San Francisco	
Echo	4 c	Tozer	Brit. bge.	369	Aug. 14	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	London	
Elizabeth	4 c	Ohslen	Ger. bge.	447	Aug. 4	Wiesler & Co.	Honolulu	Cos'tan Dock
Elvieto	5 c	Fondini	Ital. bge.	646	Aug. 29	D. Musso & Co.	.....	
Florence Nightingale	4 c	McIntyre	Brit. bge.	404	Aug. 12	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	.....	
Fontenay	3 c	Taylor	Brit. sh.	655	July 23	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	.....	
Franklin	7 c	Bruneau	Foh. bge.	583	Aug. 12	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	.....	
Frederich	4 b	Dau	Ger. bge.	604	May 29	Wm. Pustau & Co.	.....	
Glamorganshire	3 c	McBachorn	Brit. bge.	456	Aug. 2	H. Kier & Co.	.....	
Goliah	1 b	Dentzau	Span. bge.	542	July 11	Chines	.....	
H. Fritzenberg	3 c	Schoenemann	Ger. bge.	553	Aug. 1	Melchers & Co.	.....	
Hawthorn	4 c	Mead	Brit. bge.	298	Aug. 12	Wiesler & Co.	Guam	Cleared
Highlander	1 b	Hutchinson	Amer. sh.	1352	June 19	Captain	Wellington, N.Z.	
Hiram Emery	7 c	Wyman	Amer. bge.	709	July 12	Russell & Co.	.....	
Jessie Jamieson	8 c	West	Brit. sh.	504	July 29	Douglas Laprak & Co.	.....	
Josephina	3 c	Rogers	Amer. sh.	1470	July 15	Russell & Co.	.....	
Kate Tatham	4 c	Pitkethly	Brit. bge.	275	July 14	Adamson, Bell & Co.	.....	
Kenton	3 b	Colvin	Brit. sh.	687	June 3	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	.....	
Landseer	7 c	Knowles	Amer. sh.	1418	July 12	Douglas Laprak & Co.	.....	
Lodora	2 b	Jones	Brit. sh.	423	July 23	Wiesler & Co.	.....	
Lottie Moore	8 c	Hudson	Amer. bge.	880	July 22	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	.....	
Madeleine	3 c	Pataeo	Fch. bge.	416	July 22	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	.....	
Manila	1 c	Biset	Brit. sh.	621	Aug. 15	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	.....	
Marco Polo	3 c	Brechwaldt	Ger. bge.	515	Aug. 3	Wm. Pustau & Co.	London	
Masquis of Argyle	5 c	McKeon	Brit. bge.	358	Aug. 3	Wiesler & Co.	Callao	
Marie Louise	4 c	Guiboux	Foh. bge.	481	July 13	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	.....	
May	4 c	Plumley	Brit. bge.	237	Aug. 23	Olphant & Co.	.....	
McNear	7 c	Taylor	Amer. sh.	1308	July 22	Butterfield & Swire	.....	
Mercut	4 c	Gorgwardt	Ger. bge.	489	July 11	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	.....	
Moneta	7 c	.....	.....	590	July 22	Wm. Pustau & Co.	.....	
Morning Star	1 c	Michaelsen	Span. bge.	570	July 30	Chinese	.....	
Moss Glen	4 c	Carson	Brit. bge.	548	May 29	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	.....	
Oscar	3 c	Windhorst	Ger. bge.	735	July 14	Melchers & Co.	.....	
Papa	3 c	Bloce	Ger. bge.	391	Aug. 25	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	.....	
Patio	4 c	Christiansen	Ger. bge.	250	Aug. 25	Melchers & Co.	.....	
Penith	2 c	Worthington	Brit. bge.	549	July 29	Melchers & Co.	.....	
Philipp Fitzpatrick	3 c	Taggart	Brit. bge.	769	June 14	Meyer & Co.	.....	
Prince Amadeo	8 c</							